

# PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

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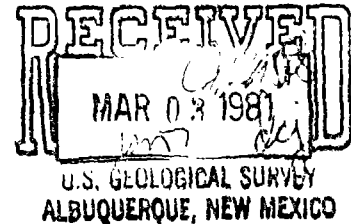
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Mr. Bob Lynn, General Manager  
Anaconda Copper Company  
Jackpile Operations  
P. O. Box 638  
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Re: Proposed Underground Mining of Sites identified  
as NJ-45, P-13 and P-15.

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This letter will confirm your telephone conversation with Mr. Ron Solimon on this day. The Council has decided to give its approval for the proposed future underground operations identified above. The village of Pagate specifically requested that you continue to repair the damages to homes due to blasting. I would like a response to this request as soon as possible.

I would like to thank you for your attendance at our Council meeting on February 23, 1981, and we look forward to continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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*Harry D. Early*  
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Governor

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cc: Marc Nelson, U.S.G.S.

2/23/81 Laguna Council Meeting

Anacosta says buttressing in PW2-PW3; need to inspect as M&RP says PW2-PW3 area to be backfilled to floodplain level

2-13 Mine:

0.29%  $U_3O_8$   $\rightarrow$  500,000#  $U_3O_8$  recover.

2-15 Modification:

0.22%  $U_3O_8$   $\rightarrow$  400,000#  $U_3O_8$  recover.

15-45 Mine:

0.20%  $U_3O_8$   $\rightarrow$  900,000#  $U_3O_8$  recover.

difficult mining area - trouble with finding ore (stacked, spotty, erratic)

Discussed aspects of all three proposals with Council - they're taking issue to each village for decision; Council seems inclined to deny all three - employment benefits are very limited and Council possibly worried about damaging future potential of deposits

700. Early mentioned \$30 million bond again - if proposals are approved, Anacosta retains lease and bond easier to get with them on property

